

DECEMBER DIARY

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| Sunday 1 December | Eucharistic Healing Service St Mary's Church | 6.00 pm |
| Sunday 8 December | Eucharistic Healing Service St Mary's Church | 6.00 pm |
| Monday 9 December | Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Holyday of Obligation. Christ the King Church St Finlough's Church | 10.00 am, 6.00 pm 7.00 pm |
| Friday 13 December | Parish Breakfast Bethany Community Centre | 7.30 am - 9.30 am |
| Sunday 15 December | Carol Service St Mary's Church | 6.00 pm |
| Monday 16 December | Penitential Service St Finlough's Church | 7.00 pm |
| Tuesday 17 December | Walking Carol Service | 7.00 pm |
| Wednesday 18 December | Penitential Service Christ the King Church | 7.00 pm |
| Sunday 22 December | Exposition & Confessions Christ the King Church | 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm |
| Tuesday 24 December | Christmas Eve Vigil Masses as follows: St Mary's Church Christ the King Church St Finlough's Church | 4.30 pm 4.30 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.00 pm 9.00 pm |
| Wednesday 25 December | Christmas Day Masses as follows: Christ the King Church St Mary's Church | 9.00 am, 12.00 noon 10.30 am |

ST FINLOUGH'S HALL Annual Christmas Draw: 1st Prize: £500 home heating oil; 2nd Prize: £200 Tesco voucher; 3rd Prize: £200 McAtamney's voucher; 4th Prize: £100 Tesco voucher. Tickets £5 or 5 for £20. Contact 07739596794 for tickets. Also available from Credit Union Ballykelly. **Bingo** on 20 December (last bingo of this year). **Annual Coffee Morning** with Santa on Saturday 30 November from 10.00 am - 12.00 noon. **Tea Dance** on 6 December. Dancing from 9 - 11.30. Take Your Pick on the night.

ANAM CARA Online Workshop on Thursday 5 December from 9.30 am - 4.30 pm. Register asap. For information: info@anamcara.ie or call 028 95213120. **Monthly Parent Support Evening** on Thursday 12 December at 7.30 pm in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny.

DERRY DIOCESAN TRUST VACANCY Diocesan Youth Coordinator 35 hours per week (incl evening and weekend work) 1 year fixed term contract with possible extension. For job description and application pack contact 028 71 262302 or email recruitment@derrydiocese.org. Completed applications must be returned to Personnel, Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry BT48 9AP or via email to recruitment@derrydiocese.org no later than 4.30 pm on 11 December 2024. Derry Diocese is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We welcome applications from all men and women and from members of all communities.

MARY'S MEALS All donations made to our 'Double The Love Appeal' are being match, up to £900.00.

LIMAVADY PARISH BULLETIN

1st Sunday of Advent

1 December 2024

LITURGICAL PROGRAMME FOR WEEK COMMENCING 2 DECEMBER

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| Monday 2 - Friday 6 December | 10.00 am | Mass: Christ the King Church (streamed) |
| Saturday 7 December | 4.30 pm | Vigil Mass for Second Sunday of Advent Christ the King Church (streamed) |
| | 6.00 pm | Vigil Mass for Second Sunday of Advent St Finlough's Church (streamed) |
| Sunday 8 December | 9.00 am | Mass: Christ the King Church |
| | 10.30 am | Mass: St Mary's Church (streamed) |
| | 12.00 noon | Mass: Christ the King Church |

Readings for Second Sunday of Advent

**Bar 5:1-9. Ps 125, R/ v 3. Phil 1:3-6, 8-11.
Lk 3:1-6**

Month's Mind Masses and Anniversary Masses

To arrange Anniversaries, Month's Mind Masses or First Anniversary Masses, please contact Janet.
Tel: Parish Office - 028 777 62522 between 9.00 am - 1.00 pm Monday - Friday.

Baptisms

To arrange a Baptism, you **MUST** complete a Baptism Card in the Parish Office.
Call at the Parish Office between 9.00 am - 1.00 pm Monday - Friday.

Parish Bulletin

The bulletin is available online. Visit: Website: www.limavadyparish.org
All notices should be emailed to: parishoflimavady@btinternet.com
or left in the post box outside the parish office before Wednesday at 1 pm.

Telephone Numbers

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| Mgr McCanny | 028 777 29759 |
| Fr Harkin | 028 777 64409 |
| Parish Office | 028 777 62522 (Monday - Friday: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm) |
| | Email: parishoflimavady@btinternet.com |
| | Website: www.limavadyparish.org |

PYXES

**Would those who no longer take Communion to the Nursing Homes and have large pyxes,
please return them as soon as possible.**

Deaths

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of
David Florida-James, 7 Rathbeg Crescent, Limavady
Isobel McLaughlin, 9 Glenside Brae, Limavady
who died recently

First Anniversary Mass

The First Anniversary Mass for **Tracey McLaughlin** will be celebrated on
Sunday 8 December at 9.00 am in Christ the King Church.

Anniversaries

Bobby O'Connor, Noelle Forrest, Mary McCann, Jeff Patterson, Sammy McLean, Robert John Kelly, Patrick McCreedy, Tommy O'Connell, Helena Hunt, Lily, Winnie, Cissie & Bernadette Diamond, Gerard & Robbie McGonigle, Les Taylor, Mary McGlinchey, John Mullan, Isobel McGonigle

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

BAPTISMS

Patrick John Talbot Hobbs, Sloane Reardon Case, Harper Boughton Case

WEEKLY ENVELOPE COLLECTION

If you wish to set up a Standing Order, please contact the parish office - 028 777 62522 between 9 am - 1 pm. Remember to write your name and envelope number on the Standing Order Form.

WEEKLY COLLECTION Sunday 24 November: £4,030.00

VOCATIONS For those considering a vocation to serve the Church as priests of the Derry Diocese we pray in the words of St Paul in our second reading, that they "... will make more and more progress in the kind of life (they) are meant to live, the life that God wants ..."

RELICS OF VENERABLE MATT TALBOT On Monday 2 December at the 7.30 pm monthly Matt Talbot Prayer Society Mass in St Eugene's Cathedral there will be relics of Venerable Matt Talbot present and available for veneration. The relics are coming from the Church in Sean McDermott Street in Dublin where the body of Matt Talbot lies. This Mass is offered for all those enrolled in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society, all those suffering from addiction, all those recovering from addiction and all those affected by addiction. If you or someone you know is struggling with alcohol or drugs, or just want to stop taking them, after Mass you will have the opportunity to sign up to commit to abstaining from them. You can do this for yourself or offer it for someone else. Everyone welcome to this Mass.

DERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025 led by Bishop McKeown from Mon 30 June - Fri 4 July leaving from City of Derry airport. Price £849 plus insurance and single supplement if required. Pilgrimage Office will not be open for booking until 1 February 2025. Gift Vouchers are now available from the Pastoral Centre. Enquiries by email to: derry.pilgrim@outlook.com.

LIMAVADY PARISH MUSIC GROUP APPEAL FOR MORE MEMBERS Music plays a very important part in the Mass. It helps people to pray and feel closer to God and one another. Musicians welcome and singers much in need - you DON'T have to be able to read music or be 'pitch perfect'. If you would like to come along, please speak to any choir member or have a chat with Clare Tel: 07875186293 or Gregory Tel: 07746677164.

ADVENT TALKS "Connecting Luke's Gospel to the Old Testament" from 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm on Tuesday 3 Dec, Tuesday 10 Dec and Monday 16 Dec in the chapter room above St Mary's Church. For more information ring Seamus on 07729355068.

ADVENT RETREAT: Emmanuel - He meets you where you are: Join the Columba Community for their retreat on Sunday 8 December at 11 am in St Anthony's Retreat Centre, Burnfoot, Co Donegal. Booking is essential. Tel: 00353 749384866. Light lunch provided. Suggested donation £20.

SVDP CHRISTMAS CARDS now available in the parish office and Gormley Pharmacy.

In these difficult times please remember the SVP Red Box Helpline 07512360388

ADVENT COURSES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE The youth department of the Catechetical Centre, in conjunction with Youth Link NI, will be delivering a four-week course for Advent in Cathedral Hall, Derry City on Monday 2, 9 & 16 December from 6 pm - 7.30 pm and in Maghera Pastoral Centre on Thursday 28 November, 5, 12 & 19 December from 6 pm - 7.30 pm for young people, including those doing the JPPI Award this year. For details contact Lizzie Rea on 028 71269090.

SYCAMORE Faith Discovery Programme run by Fr Peter O'Kane, Derry Diocesan Adult Faith Formator on: 1 Dec at Muff, Co Donegal; 2 Dec at Dungiven. To help facilitate venue please, register at derrydiocese.org/sycamore. Refreshments provided. All welcome.

EXTENDED ADVENT RETREAT from Thursday 12 - Sunday 15 December in Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght Village. For details call: 00353 1 4048189 or email: dominicanretreats@gmail.com

MEDUGORJE 14 - 21 May 2025 Flying direct from Derry to Mostar. 7 days dinner, bed and breakfast and insurance. £695 for early booking. Call Mairead on 028 777 22121.

FREE ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT FOR PARISHIONERS Speaker is Fr Stephen Cummins OP. The title of the retreat is: 'Keeping Vigil for the Vulnerable God'. The link to sign up for the Retreat is: <https://prioryinstitute.com/events/2024-online-advent-retreat>.

NI CANCER PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES Saturday 10 May - Thursday 15 May 2025. Cost £859 (reduction for Cancer patients) For details and booking form contact: Mrs Jean Clarke, 67 Ballynahinch Road, Carryduff, Belfast BT8 8DL or call 07874688388 or email: mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA direct from Belfast. 30 July - 6 August. £885. £100 Early booking discount. S/D Fr Martin Graham Adm. Details: Joe Catney 07776425631.7 nights F/B Hotel Avenida.

ST JOHN PAUL II PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS **Save the Date** The 2025 Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday 15 June.

IRISH PILGRIMAGE TRUST: EASTER 2025 PILGRIMAGE Applications are invited from young people with additional social, emotional, physical and learning needs aged 11 - 30 years who are interested in travelling as guests to Lourdes with the Irish Pilgrimage Trust. Applications are also sought for carers aged 18+ who would be interested in accompanying guests on the trip. The trip is free for guests as volunteers complete fundraising and carers pay their own fare. Guests complete online application at <https://form.jotform.com/212932685135054>. Carers applications at <https://form.jotform.com/211793062891056>. For more information, visit <https://www.irishpilgrimagestrust.com> or contact Sian at 00353 7960211352.

CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT followed by Live Crib at 5.00 pm in St Patrick's Church, Crossroads, Killygordon on Sunday 15 December. Hot chocolate served. All welcome.

TOY APPEAL To donate a toy, please leave in the bags provided in the sanctuary area at the front of Christ the King Church, St Mary's Church or St Finlough's Church before 8 December.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS on Monday 2, 9 & 16 December from 11.00 am - 12.00 noon at The Big House, 142 Drumsum Road, Limavady. Visit www.thebighouse.org.uk retreats and training.

TROCAIRE CHRISTMAS GIFTS If you want to give a gift that can transform lives this Christmas buy a Trocaire Gift of Change. Visit: www.trocaire.org/gifts or Tel: : 0800 912 1200.

THE PARISH DRAW - NOVEMBER WINNERS

£1,000 Sean O'Hara, c/o G Carlin **£100 Rose Farrell, c/o J Herron**
£100 Martin O'Kane, c/o A McCambridge **£100 Myra McKeown, c/o M McKeown**
£100 Stephen, Freddie & Stanley O'Hara, c/o M O'Hara
Collector's Prize Eamonn Anderson
The next draw takes place on Monday 16 December at 7.30 pm in Bethany Community Centre. Collection times from 6.00 pm - 7.30 pm.

CHARITY CONCERT, CELLOFELLA & FRIENDS in aid of Christmas appeal for LCDI, in Roe Valley Arts Centre at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 4 December. Tickets from LCDI 028 777 65438, info@lcdi.co.uk.

DRUMSURN GAC CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR Sat 7 December from 2 pm - 5 pm. Free entry.